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HIGHLIGHTS

- Iraqi Cabinet Approves Status of Forces Agreement (**POLITICAL, page 4**).
- Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces Degrade al-Qaida in Iraq Networks (**SECURITY, page 8**).
- World Food Program Assessment Finds Improvement in Iraqi Food Security (**ECONOMIC, page 14**).
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POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

Iraqi Cabinet Approves Status of Forces Agreement:

- Iraq's Cabinet approved the U.S.-Iraq Strategic Framework Agreement and the Security Agreement November 16, after 27 of the Cabinet's 37 ministers voted in favor of the bilateral deal. They are now with Iraq's Council of Representatives for approval. The Iraqi Parliament is expected to vote on the agreement on November 24.

Dismissals of Anti-Corruption Officials:

- The New York Times reported that the government of Prime Minister Maliki is systematically dismissing Iraqi oversight officials. The article noted that although some Iraqi officials said that the dismissals were not politically motivated, others thought that they had been undertaken in secrecy and that this supported their belief that there had not been a good cause for the removals. Prime Minister Maliki's coordinator of anticorruption organizations, who is himself the Inspector General at the Ministry of Health, said that the members of the cabinet committee that recommended the changes were professional, not political, people.



POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

Bridge Connecting Sunni and Shi'a Neighborhoods in Baghdad Reopens:

- A ceremony took place November 11 to celebrate the reopening of the Bridge of the Imams, which had been barricaded since a stampede in 2005 killed more than 800 Shi'a pilgrims. The stampede resulted from panic after a rumor spread about a suicide bomber. The bridge connects the Sunni neighborhood of Adhamiyah and the Shi'a neighborhood of Kadhimiyah. The Iraqi government made the decision to reopen the bridge.



POLITICAL – Government of Iraq

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Coalition Affiliation (at time of appointment)

United Iraq Alliance

Kurdistani Alliance

Iraqi Accord Front

Iraqi National List

Other / Independent

(F) = Female

***Formerly Iraqiya

Prime Minister

Nuri Kamil al-Maliki

President

Jalal Talabani

Deputy President

Tariq al-Hashimi

Deputy President

Adil Abd al-Mahdi

Deputy Prime Minister

Rafi Hiad Jiad al-Issawi

Deputy Prime Minister

Dr. Barham Ahmed Salih

Minister of Agriculture

Ali Husayn Kadhum al-Bahadili

Minister of Communications

Faruq Abd al-Qadir Abd al-Rahman

Minister of Culture

Mahir Dilli Ibrahim al-Hadithi

Minister of Defense

Abd al-Qadir Muhammad Jasim al-Aubaidi

Minister of Displacement & Migration

Dr. Abd al-Samad Rahman Sultan

Minister of Electricity

Dr. Karim Wahid al-Hasan

Minister of Education

Dr. Khudayr Mousa Jaffar al-Khuzai

Minister of Environment

Dr. Nermin Othman Hassan (F)

Minister of Finance

Bayan Jabr

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Hoshyar Mahmud Zebari

Minister of Health

Dr. Salih Mahdi Mutlab al-Hasnawi

Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research
Abid Dhiyab al-Ujayli

Minister of Human Rights

Eng. Wijdan Mikhail Salim (F)

Minister of Industry & Minerals

Fawzi Fransu Hariri

Minister of Interior

Jawad Kadhum Eidan al-Bulani

Minister of Justice

***** Safa al-Din Muhammad al-Safi (Acting)**

Minister of Housing & Construction

Bayan Dizayee (F)

Minister of Labor & Social Affairs

Eng. Mahmud Muhammad Jawad al-Radi

Minister of Oil

Dr. Husayn Ibrahim al-Shahristani

Minister of Planning

Ali Ghalib Baban

Minister of Trade

Dr. Abd al-Falah Hassan Hummadi al-Sudani

Minister of Science & Technology

Dr. Raid Jahid Fahmi

Minister of Municipalities & Public Works

Riyadh Abd al-Hamza Gharib

Minister of Transportation

Amir Abd al-Jabar Ismail

Minister of Water Resources

Dr. Abd al-Latif Jamal Rashid

Minister of Youth & Sports

Eng. Jasim Muhammad Jaffar

Minister of State for Civil Society Affairs

Dr. Thamir Jafar al-Zubaidi

Minister of State for National Dialogue

Dr. Akram Mousa Hadi al-Hakim

Minister of State for National Security

Eng. Shirwan Kamil al-Waili

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs

Dr. Muhammad Munajjid Afan al-Dulaymi

Minister of State for Provinces Affairs

Dr. Khulud Sami Izzara al-Majun (F)

Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities

Dr. Qahtan Abbas Numanal-Jabburi

Minister of State for Women's Affairs

Dr. Nawal Majid Hamid (F)

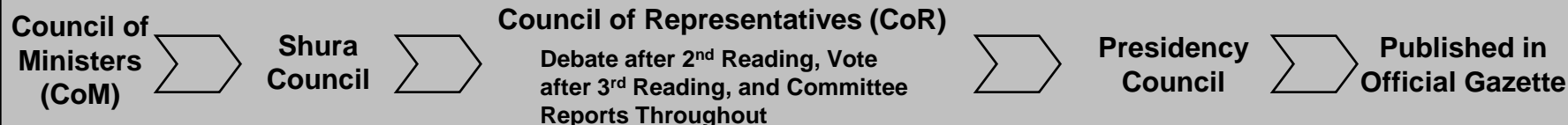
Minister of State for CoR Affairs

Safa al-Din Muhammad al-Safi



POLITICAL – Key Legislation and Refugee Update

Legislative Process



Provincial Elections	PASSED: passed by the CoR on September 24; signed by the Presidency Council on October 7. The law includes an article entering it into force immediately upon signing, not waiting for publication in the Official Gazette. On November 3, the CoR passed an amendment guaranteeing minority representation on certain provincial councils. The Presidency Council approved the amendment on November 8.
Hydrocarbons Package	The Framework Law was resubmitted to the Oil and Gas Committee on October 26 and then returned to the Council of Ministers. There has been no progress on the other three laws.
Amnesty Law	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26 and came into effect March 2.
Pensions Amendment	PASSED: Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.
De-Ba'athification	PASSED: Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Reform Published in the Official Gazette in mid-February.
Provincial Powers	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was vetoed by the Presidency Council February 26. The veto was rescinded on March 19. The provisions within the law will enter into force once Provincial Elections are held.

Refugee Update

- Refugees in the region: 2-2.4 million
- Internally displaced persons in Iraq: 2.7 million
- The U.S. admitted 13,823 Iraqi refugees in FY08 (which ended September 30).
- The U.S. seeks to admit a minimum of 17,000 Iraqi refugees in FY09.



SECURITY - Situation Update

Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces Degrade al-Qaida in Iraq Networks:

- Coalition and Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) further dismantled al-Qaida in Iraq's (AQI) terrorist leadership and bombing networks last week, capturing and killing terrorist operatives throughout Iraq. During operations November 13 through 18, Coalition Forces (CF) and ISF killed four AQI terrorists and detained over 30 others including regional and senior AQI leaders, operational planners and facilitators, and individuals suspected of assassinations, improvised-explosive device (IED) attacks, and suicide car bomb operations.



SECURITY - Security Transition

Azerbaijan to Redeploy Troops from Iraq:

- Azerbaijan's parliament voted November 14 to redeploy their 150 troops serving as part of Multi-National Force – Iraq. Azerbaijan's troop contingent has served in Iraq since 2003, guarding critical infrastructure and conducting security patrols. Earlier this year, Azerbaijan doubled its force in Afghanistan to 45 soldiers.

Joint Naval Training Exercise Builds Iraqi Navy Readiness:

- The U.K.-led Naval Transition Team (NaTT) conducted a Joint Naval Training Exercise with the Iraqi Navy in the northern Gulf last week. The exercise familiarized 28 Iraqi sailors with the type of ships they will utilize at the Umm Qasr port starting July 2009. The Iraqi Navy is set to receive four, new Saettia Class Patrol Ships (PS), which are being constructed in La Spezia, Italy. The Saettia Class ships will form the principal units of the rapidly expanding Iraqi fleet. Following this familiarization training, Iraq's Saettia Class crews will attend three-month long ship specific training in La Spezia to learn how to operate and maintain their new ships.



SECURITY – Security Transition

Lutifiyah Sol Receive Payment from Iraqi Government:

- The Sons of Iraq (Sol) in Lutifiyah received their first payment from the Government of Iraq November 13. The Iraqi Army's 17th Division facilitated the payments at a battalion headquarters in Lutifiyah south of Baghdad. Coalition Forces monitored the progress, as the Iraqi Army successfully paid over 90 percent of the Sol in the area in the first five-days of the week-long process. Coalition Force leaders commented that "the performance of the Government of Iraq and the Iraqi Army through this pay period stands as another great example of the Iraqis taking the lead and being successful."

Iraqi Security Forces (ISF), Coalition Forces Hold Border Security Conference: Iraqi

- Army, Police and border patrol officials met with Coalition Force leaders in Amarah, Maysan province November 15 to synchronize efforts to increase border security for the province. ISF and Coalition Forces also used the meeting as a chance to share information regarding suspected criminal activity in the province and an opportunity to emphasize the importance of border security to the Iraqis. ISF units in southern Iraq have arrested approximately 200 suspected criminals and seized more than 9,000 various munitions – to include improvised explosive devices and explosively formed projectile materials since the middle of 2008.



SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Security Forces as of Sept. 30, 2008 ^a			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel	Assigned Personnel	Total Trained Personnel to date
Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces ^e			
Iraqi Police Service ^f	327,380	305,713	204,404
National Police ^g	46,707	41,305	52,382
Border Enforcement	47,750	39,294	35,886
Total MoI	421,837	386,312	292,672
Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces ^h			
Army	171,225	186,957	235,606
Support Forces	15,583	20,066	21,144
Air Force	3,603	1,988	2,799
Navy	3,543	1,898	1,494
Total MoD	193,954	210,909	261,043
Counter Terrorism Bureau			
Special Operations ⁱ	4,733	4,159	4,564
Total Iraqi Security Forces	620,524	601,380	558,279

**The decrease in authorized MoD forces from the April 30 Weekly Status Report with ISF data as of March 31 reflects a change in a temporary GOI policy to increase front line units to 120% of authorized end strength to maintain present-for-duty totals at 100% while soldiers took leave. This change will make ISF reporting consistent with standard military personnel accounting practices in other countries and provide a clearer representation of ISF manning levels.

- a. Numbers do not include ministry staffs.
- b. Numbers reflect Government of Iraq (GOI) authorizations.
- c. Numbers are based upon GOI payroll data and do not reflect present for duty totals.
- d. Numbers reflect total Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.
- e. MoI strength excludes other services within Ministry Of Interior (MOI), including the MOI HQ, MOI Forensics, Facility Protection Services, and contracted guards.
- f. The Iraqi Police Service consists of all provincial police forces (station, patrol, traffic, and special units) assigned to all 18 Iraqi provinces.
- g. Includes the national Emergency Response Unit.
- h. The Ministry Of Defense (MOD) authorized numbers are derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).
- i. The MoD Army Training and Support Forces include logistics units and training center cadre.
- j. Does not include personnel assigned to Counterterrorism Bureau (CTB) or Counterterrorism Command (CTC) headquarters.



ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

Italian Delegation Visits Iraq to Scope Investment Opportunities:

- A delegation from Italy visited Iraq to explore investment opportunities in the country. The trip included a two-day visit to the capital of the Kurdistan Regional Government, Erbil. Deputy Minister for Economic Development Adolfo Urso also inaugurated a workshop for construction and investment which was attended by 105 companies from the Middle East, Europe, and Asia.



ECONOMIC – Oil

Crude Oil Update:

Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:

Basrah Light at \$49.30/barrel

Dated Brent at \$53.71/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$58.64/barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$52.13/barrel

Revenue estimates:

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$58.6 Billion (ytd)

Iraq and CNPC Sign Oil Agreement:

- An official in the Ministry of Oil, Ahmed al-Shamaa, said that the Iraqi state-owned North Oil Company had signed an agreement with China National Petroleum Corporation (CNPC) for the development of the Ahdab oil field on November 10. The contract is the renegotiation of the 1997 production sharing agreement into a service contract. “The contract includes developing the field, digging wells, laying down bibs, delivering crude oil to the national grid, and natural gas processing and delivery,” al-Shamaa said. Iraqi Minister of Oil Husayn al-Shahristani and CNPC President Jiang Jiemin attended the signing ceremony which was held in Baghdad.



ECONOMIC – Essential Services

World Food Program Assessment Finds Improvement in Iraqi Food Security:

- According to an assessment carried out by the Government of Iraq (GOI) and the UN World Food Program (WFP), there has been a dramatic improvement in food security in Iraq. The Comprehensive Food Security and Vulnerability Assessment (CFSVA) found that 930,000 people did not have adequate access to food, a drop from the 2005 number of approximately four million. The GOI allocates every Iraqi a monthly food basket through its Public Distribution System (PDS), but the lack of certain commodities and delays in distribution has made it difficult for vulnerable households to meet their monthly food needs. The CFSVA also looked at the nutritional status of children under five and found that although there had been an improvement in national acute malnutrition and negligible change in chronic malnutrition, in five districts, the stunting rates among children were “alarming.”



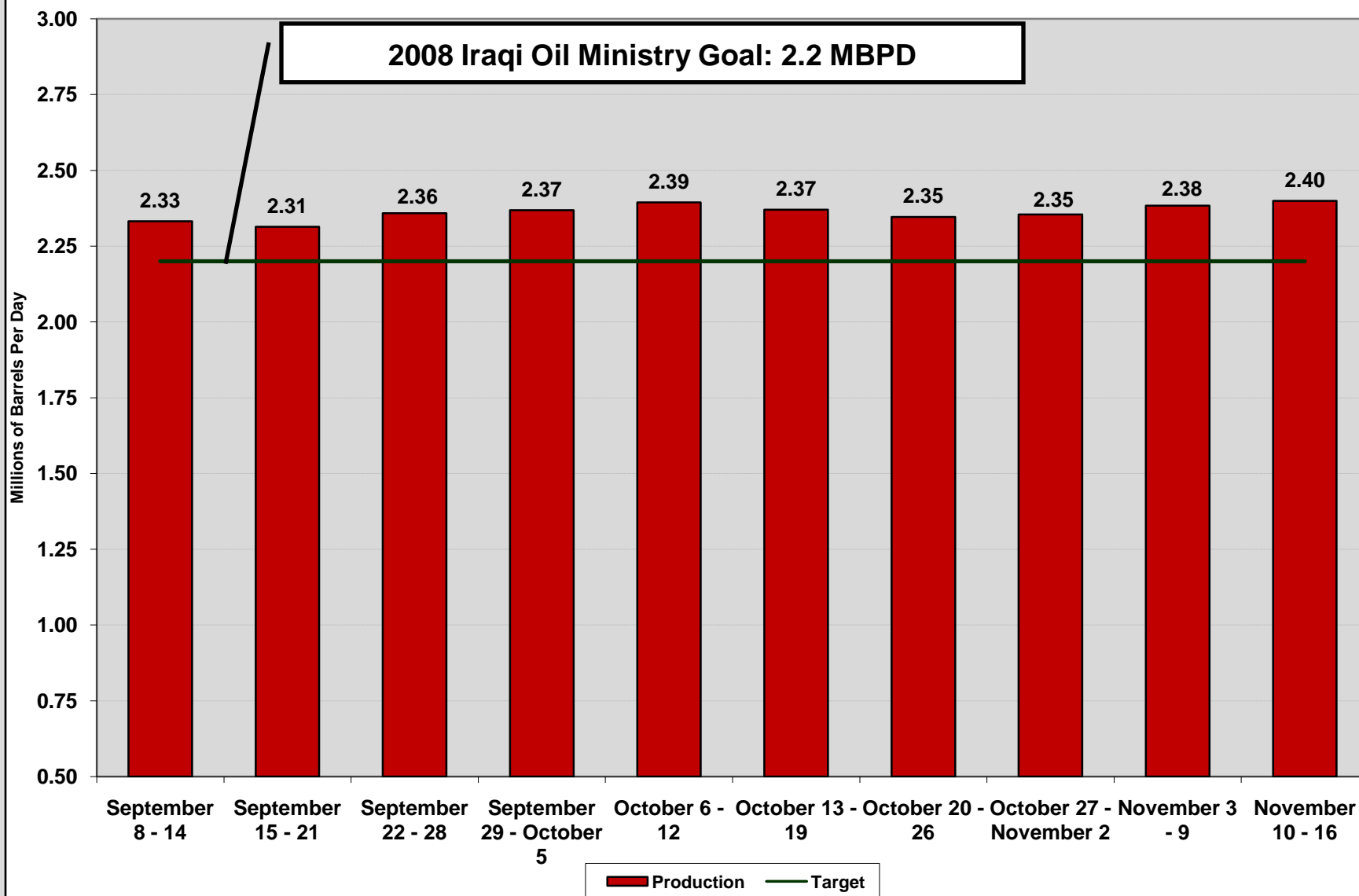
ECONOMIC – Essential Services

Opportunity for Liberal Arts Education in Iraq:

- Enrollment at the American University in Iraq, which opened in January 2007, has seen its enrollment jump from 48 last year to 256 this year. The university, which offers American-style liberal arts classes conducted in English, gives students the chance to earn a four-year bachelor's degree in business, computer science, or international studies, and has plans for petroleum engineer degree as well. The American University in Iraq seeks to educate the next generation to succeed in the private sector. "We're deliberately setting about to help develop the private sector, and that's why business and (information technology) are among our primary offerings," Chancellor Joshua Mitchell said. "Iraq is going to need a private sector and entrepreneurial class." The school is located in Sulaimaniyah, but has plans to eventually have campuses in Basrah and Baghdad.

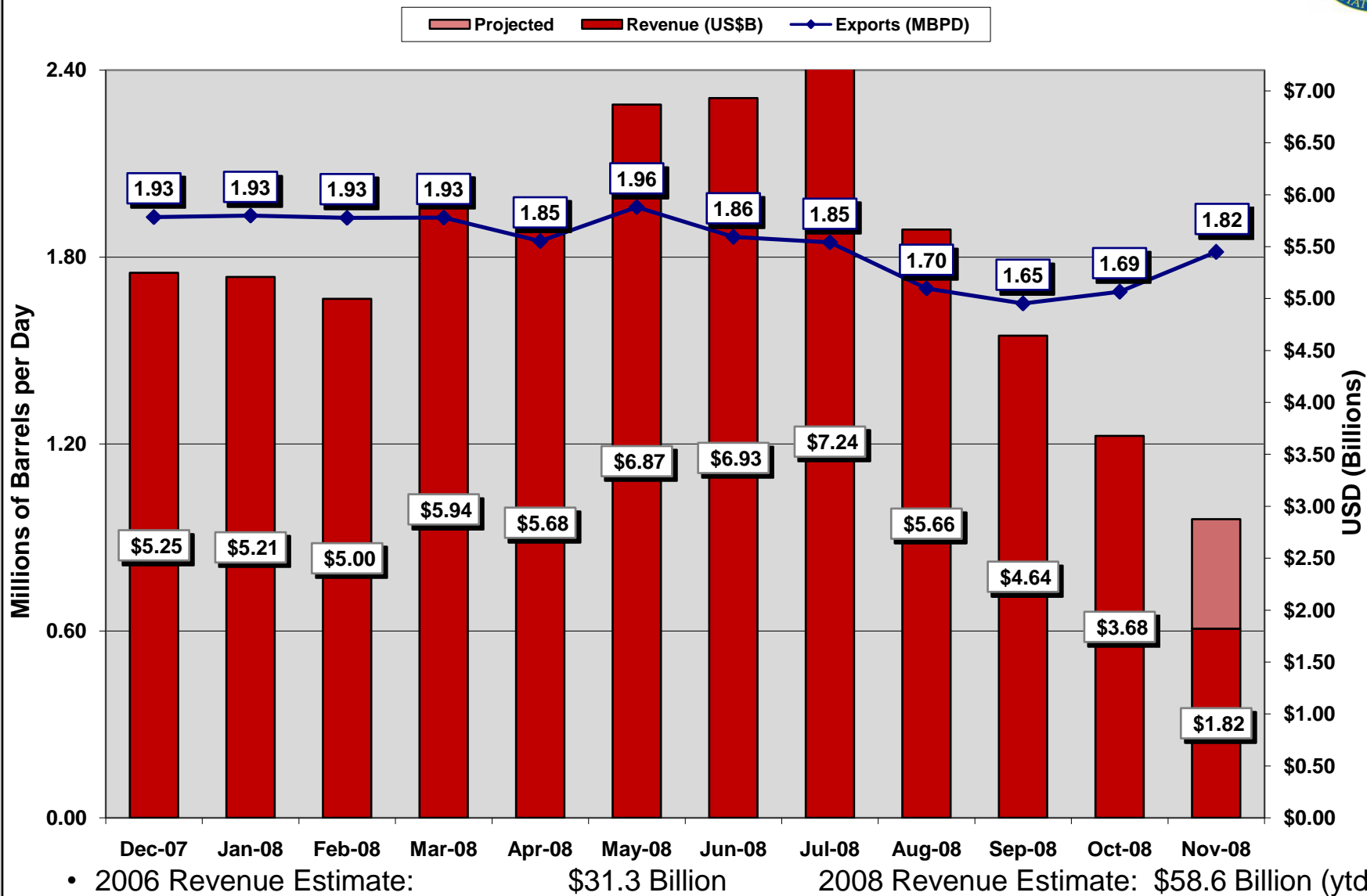


ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production



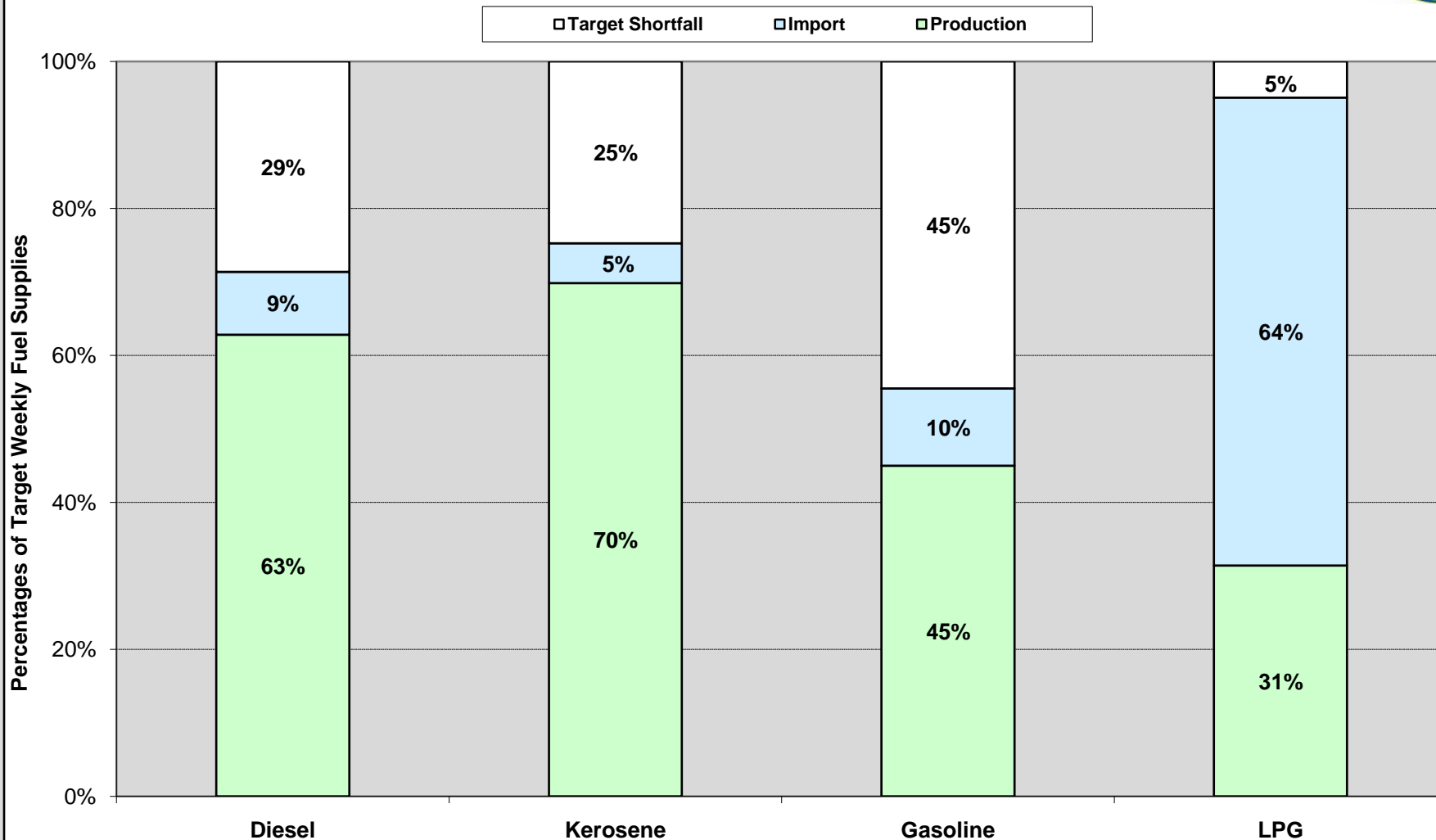


ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export





ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



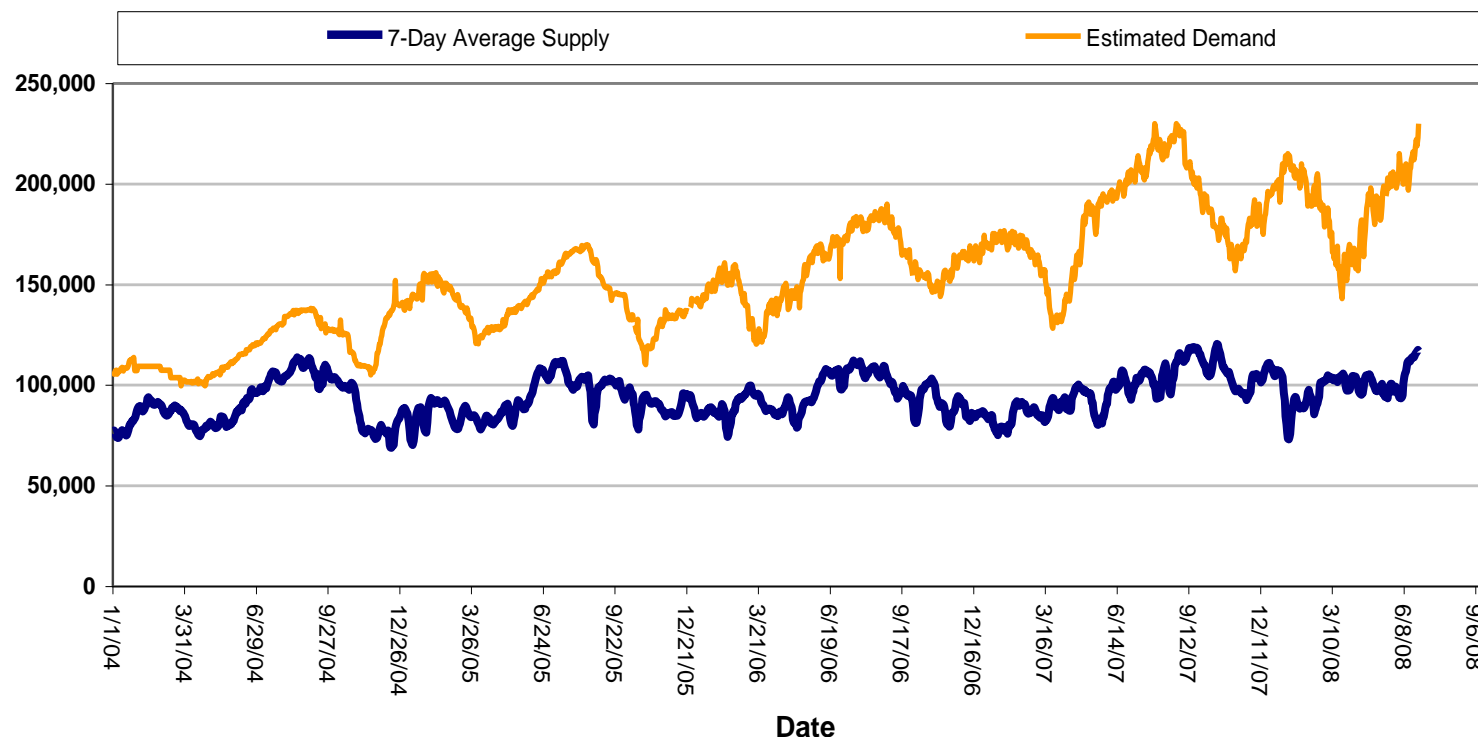
Note: This is a daily average for November 10 – 16

- Diesel: 17.5 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 11.0 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 14.9 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 4,850 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

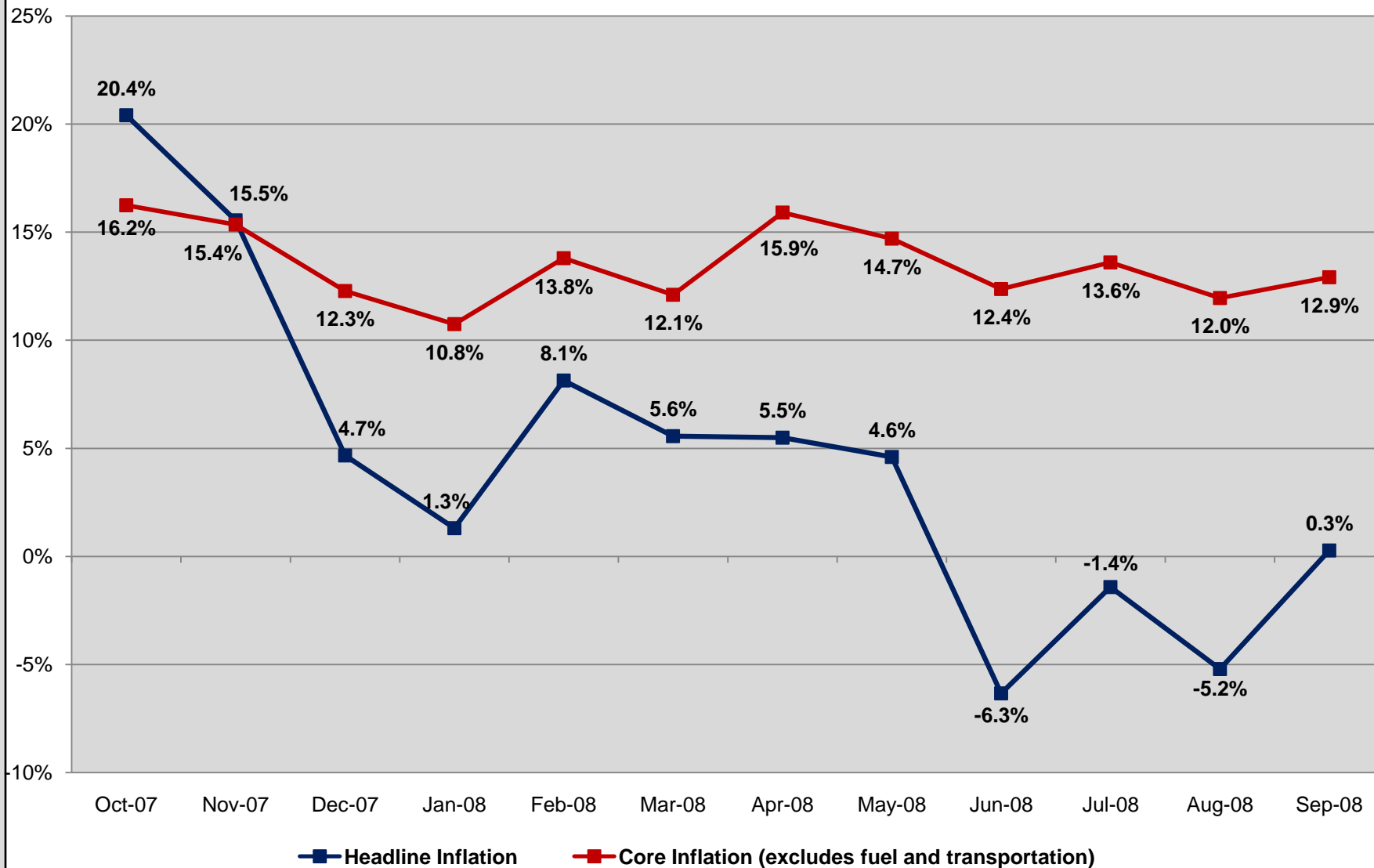


- Daily electricity demand November 12-18 was 3% above the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 27% above the year-earlier period and met 71% of demand, compared with 57% for the year-earlier period.
- For November 9-15 average hours of power from the grid after meeting demand from essential services were Baghdad: 18.1 and national 15.3. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 9.39.1 and national 12.4



ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Year-on-Year Inflation





ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales				
Price (USD)	\$50.28	\$51.39	\$70.24	\$62.82
Yield	12.83%	12.55%	9.11%	10.16%
Central Bank's USD Currency Auction				
USD Sold	***	***	\$87,039	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	***	***	\$1,180	\$1,254
Total Employed by USG Programs				
	116,567	117,332	122,788	N/A



ECONOMIC - Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and 2

Sector\Status (Millions of USD)			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
	Allocated	Un-allocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law	\$4,960	\$17	\$4,937	\$4,937	\$0	\$4,937	\$4,937	\$0	\$4,871	\$4,871	\$0
Justice and Civil Society	\$2,299	\$20	\$2,263	\$2,263	\$0	\$2,262	\$2,262	\$0	\$2,181	\$2,182	\$1
Electricity Sector	\$4,178	\$36	\$4,066	\$4,064	-\$2	\$4,065	\$4,063	-\$3	\$3,940	\$3,952	\$12
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,717	\$7	\$1,608	\$1,608	\$0	\$1,608	\$1,608	\$0	\$1,581	\$1,582	\$1
Water and Sanitation	\$2,054	\$21	\$1,983	\$1,983	\$0	\$1,980	\$1,979	-\$1	\$1,849	\$1,859	\$9
Transportation and Comm\	\$462	\$2	\$459	\$458	-\$1	\$459	\$458	-\$1	\$421	\$423	\$1
Roads, Bridges and Const\	\$320	\$8	\$282	\$282	\$0	\$282	\$282	\$0	\$258	\$258	\$0
Health Care	\$810	\$9	\$793	\$793	\$0	\$793	\$793	\$0	\$744	\$745	\$1
Private Sector Development	\$838	\$1	\$820	\$820	\$0	\$820	\$820	\$0	\$814	\$814	\$0
Edu\, Refugees, Human Rights	\$470	\$0	\$436	\$436	\$0	\$435	\$435	\$0	\$409	\$409	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID,DoS)	\$220	\$0	\$218	\$218	\$0	\$218	\$218	\$0	\$208	\$208	\$0
Rescission	\$0	-\$50	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total IRRF II	\$18,328	\$71	\$17,864	\$17,862	-\$3	\$17,859	\$17,855	-\$4	\$17,278	\$17,303	\$25
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,972	\$7,970	-\$2	\$7,970	\$7,968	-\$2	\$7,773	\$7,779	\$6
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,373	\$9,372	-\$1	\$9,369	\$9,367	-\$2	\$8,988	\$9,007	\$19
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$517	\$517	\$0
Total IRRF I	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,803	\$71	\$20,155	\$20,153	-\$3	\$20,092	\$20,087	-\$4	\$19,417	\$19,442	\$25

Data as of 12 November, 2008

Apportion amounts reflect those of the latest Executive Office of the President Report, published by the Office of Management and Budget. Committed, obligated and disbursed amounts reflect last numbers reported by each agency.



DIPLOMATIC – Political Engagement

FM Zebari Visits Damascus:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari visited Damascus on November 12 to discuss bilateral relations with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. According to the Iraqi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Zebari presented a letter to President Assad from Prime Minister Maliki, detailing the latest developments in the U.S.-Iraqi SOFA agreement. Zebari emphasized that the Iraqi government opposes any action or policy that would make Iraq a staging point for any military operations against its neighbors. Zebari also discussed the Iraqi government's desire to "develop and activate bilateral relations."

FM Zebari Meets Swedish Minister of Commerce and Trade:

- Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari met the Swedish Minister of Commerce and Trade, Ms. Ewa Bjorling and a Swedish business delegation November 17. Zebari stressed the Iraqi government's desire to "stimulate and activate economic and trade relations" with Sweden.



DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

19 Countries with forces in Iraq (including US)

Albania	Czech Republic	Korea	Romania
Australia	Denmark	Lithuania	Tonga
Azerbaijan	El Salvador	Macedonia	Ukraine
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Estonia	Moldova	United Kingdom
Bulgaria	Japan		

TOTAL ~ 6,350 Forces

25 Countries and NATO* (including the US) **Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

25 includes the US, the 18 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.



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